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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield between 19 and 31 October 1953:
- 25X1 19 October. At 10:30 a.m., there was no air activity. Five Yak-18s were parked in front of the hangars.
- 25X1 20 October. Between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., local flights were made by Yak-18s, which, after a local flight of about 6 minutes, touched down on the runway and took off again. The aircraft landed after three local flights. An additional 5 Yak-18s and 1 biplane were parked in front of the hangars. The weather was sunny.
- 22 October. No air activity was observed at 11 a.m. Eight Yak-18s were parked in front of the hangars.
- 23 October. Local flights were made between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There was sunny weather.
- 24 October. Local flying was practiced by Yak-18s between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. while the sun was shining.
- 26 October. No air activity was observed at 1 p.m. Seven Yak-18s were parked in front of the hangars.
- 27 October. Six Yak-18s were parked in front of a hangar at 2:45 p.m. The aircraft were individually towed from the dispersal area and took off from north to south crossing the runway approximately at a right angle. After a local flight of about 6 minutes, the aircraft landed individually, crossing over the hangars.
- 25X1 28 October. There was no air activity at 2 p.m. Two biplanes and 9 Yak-18s were parked in front of the hangars.
- 25X1 29 October. Around 3 p.m., 5 Yak-18s were parked at the eastern end of the runway. Local individual flights were performed.
- 25X1 30 October. No air activity was observed at 1 p.m.
- 31 October. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., flying was practiced by six Yak-18s.¹
2. The 16 aircraft crates previously reported were being transported to the hangars and unloaded there between 19 and 22 October. Five of the unloaded aircraft were observed in front of the hangars on 24 October. all crates were unloaded on 29 and 30 October. The empty crates, except for one, were stored on the old dispersal area by 26 October.
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3. In mid-October, two additional fuel containers arrived, and were located by the previously reported three containers, each 8 meters long and 2 meters high.²

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1. [] Comment. Air activity at Cottbus airfield is being carried out in the usual pattern. It is noteworthy that only Yak-18s [] were observed.

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2. [] Comment. The arrival of these crates was previously reported. []

3. [] Comment. A fuel dump is probably under construction in the northeastern corner of the field which is nearer to the landing field than the main fuel dump north of the road to Burg.

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